

STAY INFORMED

Crossroads Middle School has a number of resources – many online - to keep you informed. Report cards will come home 4 times this year; parents may always access ParentVue to monitor grades, assignments and attendance. All school information is available online; please read on.

- 1. Keep Your Information Current:** All parents/guardians are required to complete and sign an updated registration form for their student(s) at the beginning of every school year. It is important that we have current contact information for you at all times - phones, email and address. Note: if you move, **proof of residency on the new address is mandatory**; please contact the office.
- 2. ParentVue:** ParentVue is the parent/guardian communication portal to monitor grades, assignments, attendance and more; we *strongly* encourage parents to use this tool. Parents who are new to the district will receive their activation codes on Student Orientation Day, before the start of school. If a student enrolls mid-year, an activation code will be provided to parents. To request an activation code, please contact the school office and provide your name and your student(s) name(s). (Note: students receive their own StudentVue accounts). New accounts are most reliably set up from a computer; some cell phones are not compatible for the set-up process.
- 3. Parent/Guardian Communication:** parents/guardians who provide an email address will automatically receive a Friday News email, providing information about current/upcoming events, fundraisers, etc.
- 4. School Website:** nvps.net/crossroads-middle-school/ Our website has a variety of helpful links including all the items on this page, a school calendar, and staff directory, just to name a few.
- 5. Homework:** (see “Academics” tab, then “Classrooms” on nvps.net/crossroads-middle-school/) has weekly homework posted. Check here to stay current on your student’s class work and for homework assignments if he/she has missed school.
- 6. Grades/Progress Reports:** Students will be given report cards to bring home at the end of the marking period (4 marking periods) with year-end grades mailed home. Parents may always check current grades on ParentVue, as well as monitor assignments and attendance. If you have any concerns or questions about your child’s progress, please contact your child’s teacher directly. Email addresses and telephone extensions are located in the *Staff Directory* link on our website and in the Student Handbook.
- 7. Student Portal:** (<http://student.nvps.net>) - students can get their school email, as well access tools and school work.
- 8. Edulink-Systems Alerts:** Alerts parents to school delays and closings, and also provides authoritative updates when critical events occur. The system uses phone numbers from the registration form so please be sure we always have a current phone number.
- 9. Meal Accounts:** Deposits may be brought in to the school or paid online for a small fee (go to the Northview District website, then to “Food Services” and then to “Pay for Meals Online” or go to sendmoneytoschool.com). You will need your student’s school ID number to make a deposit. Students who run a negative balance in their account will be given a sandwich for lunch. The ‘Free/Reduced Meal’ application (one per family) is available at lunchapp.com. Jan Jager, NV Food Services Director (363.4857) is available to answer any questions and provide assistance on this program.
- 10. Medications:** Medication forms are available in the Main Office and the Guidance Office for both over-the-counter and prescription medications. All prescription medications **require physician signature** on our medication form. All medications must be in their original container. Parents must personally bring in medications to our Guidance Office; appointments to do so are *strongly* encouraged to avoid wait times. Call Guidance Office to schedule at 361.3453. All medications are stored/locked and dispensed through the Guidance Office; students are not to carry medicine on their

persons (arrangements can be made through Guidance if a student needs to carry an inhaler). No medication can be dispensed to a student unless it has been sent in from home and a properly completed and signed medication form is on file at school.

Getting Started at Crossroads Middle School

Welcome to Crossroads! We are happy to have you join our community. We are a 7th/8th grade building and typically have about 500 students and 50 staff in the building. You will receive ongoing, important information from our Friday Email Blast.

Phone Numbers and Website

The main office number is 361.3430; Guidance phone number is 361.3453; fax number is 363.7868. Our website address is nvps.net/crossroads-middle-school/

School Hours

Warning bell is at 7:35 am; classes begin at 7:40 am. Dismissal at 2:30 pm (on ½ days, dismissal time is 10:45 am).

Building opens at 7:00 am and students are not allowed to remain in the building after school unless they are participating in a scheduled activity. The office is open from 7:15 am to 3:30 pm on regular school days.

Lunch Hours: A Lunch 11:05-11:35 am B Lunch 11:35-12:05 am C Lunch 12:05-12:35 pm

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Use the parking lot on the east side of the building: front of building is reserved for buses.

Transportation

The phone number is [361.3480](tel:361.3480). Registration for busing can be found on the NV website under the “Department” tab in “Transportation”. If you want your student to ride a bus home, other than one he/she is scheduled to ride, YOU must call the bus garage directly and make arrangements no later than 10 am.

Absences

Absences must be called in to the office, daily, unless prior arrangements have been made. The main office number is [361.3430](tel:361.3430); an answering machine is available to take your message during non-business hours. Provide your name, your student’s name and grade, and the reason for the absence. If your student is out ill, please state the type of illness (for public health reporting requirements).

Tardy Arrival

Tardies must be called in to the office; otherwise it will go as unexcused. Students must sign-in at the office when they arrive.

Athletics

Participation requires a [sports physical](#) and a [concussion form](#) to be on file in the main office before try-outs (no exceptions; this is a state law). Sports physical forms and concussion forms are available in the main office or online at the Northview website under the Resources Tab at Forms.

Volunteering

Volunteering at school is always welcome. A volunteer consent must be completed and processed prior to helping out. Go to Northview’s Home page, NVPS.net the select top tab “Get Involved,” scroll down to “Volunteer in Our Schools” and select this option. Finally, click on red link “Volunteer Consent Form,” complete and submit. The Northview Mentor Program is always in need of responsible adults to partner and work with students in grades 5-12 for 15 minutes a week. Information on this program is also available under NV’s “Get Involved” tab.